

REMARKS

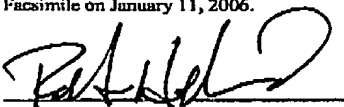
Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-14, 21-25 and 27 - 32 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-14, 21-25 and 27 - 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,941,181 issued to Mathurin. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-14, 21-25 and 27-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0041206 issued to Dickie. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4 and 9. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of pending Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-14, 21-25 and 27-32.

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 4 to clarify that mouse pad inputs are presented at a computer display. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 4 and 7.

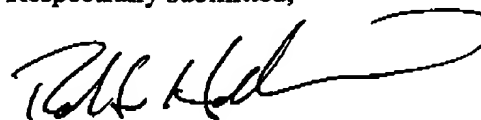
Dickie discloses a docking cradle for a PDA in a portable computing system. Mathurin discloses an audio video control device portable unit that fits in a recess of a base unit, the portable unit displaying a menu at a touch screen. Each of the claims of the present application recites an input device that operates as a touch screen when separate from a computing device and acts as a "mouse pad" when inserted in the computing device. Neither Dickie nor Mathurin teach, disclose or suggest a "mouse pad" that separates from a computing device to work as a separate input device. Accordingly, neither Dickie nor Mathurin anticipates Claims 1, 4, 7, 9-14, 21-25 and 27 - 32. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and full allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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